

**City of Chula Vista  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Minutes**

**Wednesday – 6:30 p.m.**  
Public Works Center

**February 21, 2008**  
1800 Maxwell Road

Meeting called to order by Chair Searles at 6:30 p.m.

Staff Present: Buck Martin, Director of Recreation  
Dave Byers, Director of Public Works  
Jack Griffin, Director of Engineering and General Services  
Ed Hall, Assistant Recreation Director  
Brian Cox, Principal Recreation Manager  
John Gates, Acting Principal Recreation Manager  
Tom Class, Parks Supervisor  
Ted Nelson, Recreation Supervisor III

Guests: Karl Mondt – 401 Calle La Morena, C.V. Ca 91914

**1. Roll Call/Motion to Excuse**

Members Present: Commissioner Ramos, Rios, Searles, Garza, and Chambers  
Members Absent: Commissioner Scott and Cien-Mayer

**MSC (Ramos/Chambers) to excuse Commissioner Scott and Cien-Mayer**

**2. Approval of Minutes – November 15, 2007**

MSC Rios/Ramos (Vote 4-0-0-2 with Scott and Cien-Mayer absent) to approve Minutes of November 15, 2007

**3. Information Items**

- a. Change in Ordinance – Increase Park Ranger Authority** – Mr. Tom Class (Parks Manager) informed the Commission that the park rangers have not experienced any difficulties with removing unauthorized groups from parks. The Rangers have been successful in enforcing the current ordinance.

Commissioner Garza asked about a groups insisting on staying on park grounds after being asked to leave by the Park Rangers.

Mr. Class responded that this has not been an issue for the Park Rangers, and in addition to the current ordinance, there is also a trespassing ordinance.

- b. Field Use Agreement between City of Chula Vista and Sweetwater Union High School District** - Mr. Brian Cox (Principal Recreation Manager) informed the Commission that the current agreement is being extended to June 30, 2008. The SUHSD is currently undergoing administrative staff changes and it was decided by them to extend the Agreement to June 30, 2008.

Commissioner Garza inquired about a Master Joint Use Agreement with all of the Middle Schools.

Mr. Cox responded that this item has been pursued, however, with the administrative staff changes at the District offices, that agreement has been delayed as well. Current agreements that the Department is working on include: Rancho Del Rey Middle School, EastLake High School (ends 2013), Master Agreements, and a Joint-Use for Care Shelter.

- c. **Status of Mount San Miguel Community park and All Seasons Park** – Mr. Jack Griffin (Director of Engineering and General Services) provided background information on both parks. He reviewed the acquired fees and design build agreement. Mr. Griffin noted funding is available for construction of the Mount San Miguel Park, however, there is an issue about maintaining both parks. Mr. Griffin also noted that the City Manager directed him in November 2007 to halt the process of both parks. However, in January, direction was received from the City Manager to go forward with the process. Mr. Griffin also noted that the operating costs of the both parks will be realized in Budget Year 2010.

Commissioner Chambers inquired about the costs of the parks.

Mr. Griffin responded that the cost is approximately, \$8.5 million to build Mount San Miguel Park and \$3.1 million to build All Seasons Park.

Commissioner Garza asked if both parks needed to be built at the same time.

Mr. Griffin responded that they did not need to be built at the same time, however, with the current construction and contractor costs being reasonable, the City would need to take advantage of that opportunity.

Chair Searles asked that Mr. Griffin return in April with a status of both parks.

- d. **Status on current budget and status on budget alternatives** – Mr. Dave Byers (Director of Public Works) briefly recapped budget discussion from the previous commission meeting. He noted that with the reduction in gardener positions, the impacts would affect mowing, trash removal, spraying, weeding, and thatching would be done on a quarterly basis. He noted that every department in the city had to again cut 10% from their budget, and continue with a hiring freeze.

Mr. Griffin informed the Commission that the Planning Commission recently approved a 494 apartment complex, and that through discussion with Otay Ranch, construction will be in Village 2 in July.

Commissioner Garza inquired about Adopt-a-Park Program.

Mr. Byers responded that the city does have that program and volunteers assist with trash pick-up. Volunteers are not allowed to mow due to liability reasons.

Mr. Buck Martin (Director of Recreation) also briefly recapped budget discussion from previous commission meeting. He noted that a large number part-time hours were reduced from the budget already, and that more hours would be reduced. He also informed the Commission that the department continues to look for funding

alternatives to increase current resources so the budget crises won't have a negative impact to the community.

Commissioner Chambers inquired as to when the hours would be cut.

Mr. Martin responded that none have been cut yet and the big challenge for departments is picking and choosing what items will be cut from the budget.

Commissioner Garza asked if Fiscal Year 2009/2010 is better or worse than Fiscal Year 2008/2009, and also stated that he can't imagine the City laying off staff.

Mr. Byers responded that it all depended on the economy.

Chair Searles informed the Commission that he attended a Council meeting in December and voiced his concerns about the budget and also encouraged the commission to attend future council meetings and voice concerns about cutting recreation and park services.

4. Unfinished Business: None
5. New Business: None
6. Written Communications: None
7. Commission Comments:

Commissioner Rios wished everyone a Happy New Year and hopes that city staff are spared their job.

Commissioner Garza thanked staff for everything they do on a daily basis, and for working towards staff keeping their jobs.

Commissioner Chambers informed the commission that he would be attending council meetings and addressing the Council.

Commissioner Ramos informed the commission that she would have to miss the March meeting and asked for an excused absence.

Chair Searles asked that an action item be placed on the next agenda, "Change Venue for Future Meeting".

8. Staff Comments -
  - a. Recreation Monthly Report - Mr. Martin (Director of Recreation) reviewed the monthly report and reminded the Commission of the Re-Grand Opening of Otay Park on Friday, February 22, 2008.
  - b. Public Works Monthly Report – Nothing to report.
9. Public Comments - None

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. to March 20, 2008

Margarita Cellano, Recreation Department